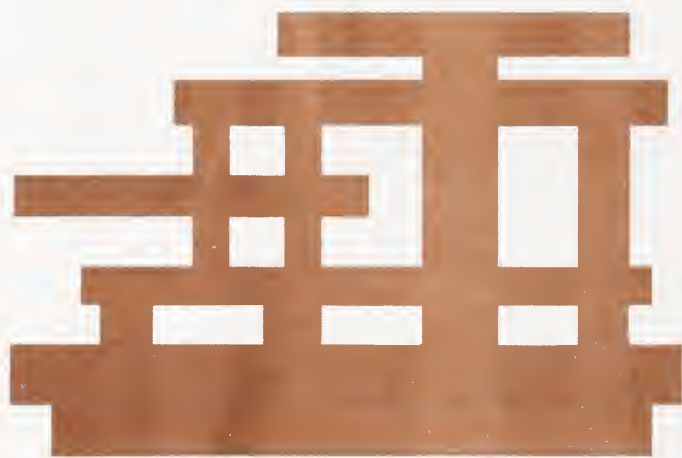


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Fred Thatcher Presented Honorary Doctorate

Black Becomes Drama Director

Dr. E. Robert Black, professor and director of the division of drama at North Texas State University, has been appointed head of the Department of Speech and Journalism at Northwestern.

President Arnold R. Kilpatrick of Northwestern, in making the announcement, said the appointment becomes effective July 1. Black will also serve as director of Northwestern's University Theatre.

Black succeeds Dr. Edna West who has been University Theatre director at Northwestern for 20 years and head of the department of speech and journalism since it was established in 1967.

A 1943 graduate of the University of Nebraska, Black received his master's degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1945 and his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in 1952.

Black has been on the North Texas faculty since 1960. Before that, he was drama director and assistant professor of speech at Texas Woman's University in Denton. He spent two years as instructor of speech at the University of Nebraska.

The new Northwestern department head has also served as guest professor at the University of Texas and was technical director of the Portland Civic Theatre for two years.

Recently elected president of the Texas Educational Theatre Association, Black has extensive theatre experience. He has directed hundreds of major productions during the past 20 years in university theatres and community drama programs.

Black designed the Theatre-radio-Television plant at Texas Woman's University and contributed to the new University Theatre facility at North Texas. He was elected as adjudicator for the first American College Theatre Festival's Texas Division. Black holds membership in numerous educational and dramatic organizations.



DUDLEY FULTON, who is retiring as Northwestern State University's dean of students after 23 years of service in the student personnel area, has been selected as the first man ever to receive honorary membership in the university's Purple Jacket Service Organization. Making the presentation is Norma Oliver of Shreveport, Purple Jacket president.

Doc Marx Retires After 30 Years In Physical Education Department

Paul C. "Doc" Marx, who has become something of a legend in his 30 years on the Northwestern faculty, will retire at the end of the spring semester.

As a professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Marx has had nearly

every student who has attended the university in his health or physical education classes in the past 3 decades.

Marx is a man of boundless energy, and through the years, hundreds of stories have been handed down about his leaping to desktops to present his lectures, bounding chalk off the heads of napping students and defeating his students in a variety of activities, including golf, tennis, badminton, fencing, swimming and boxing.

Before joining the Northwestern faculty in 1939, Marx had been a teacher and coach at Baton Rouge Catholic High School. For two years, he was assistant athletic trainer at Louisiana State University. He served in the U. S. Air Force and was an educational adviser for the Department of the Interior in Natchitoches and Vernon Parishes for five years.

Marx says the C. in his name stands for Centennial, but it's hard to tell when he's serious. He lists 1905 as his birthdate but puts a question mark after it. He is a native of Crowley.



Paul C. "Doc" Marx

Fred G. Thatcher, retired executive-director of the Louisiana School Board Association, was presented an honorary doctor's degree at Northwestern State University's spring commencement exercises.

The ceremonies were conducted May 27 in Prather Coliseum on the Northwestern campus.

Thatcher, who retired from the School Board Association post in 1962, served as secretary of the organization for 24 years, working with 23 presidents.

A native of Minden, Thatcher spent most of his early childhood on Gold Dust Plantation near Elm Grove. His father served as president of Hardin Simmons University, and Thatcher was educated in elementary and secondary schools of Abilene, Texas.

The family moved to Ruston in 1899 when the elder Thatcher became head of the Mathematics Department at Louisiana Tech.

Thatcher attended Louisiana Industrial Institute, graduating in 1904 with a bachelor of industry degree in mechanical engineering. He also attended Soule Commercial College in New Orleans and Louisiana State University.

He was auditor, instructor and business manager, registrar and acting dean at Northeast Junior College in Monroe and was a member of the Ouachita Parish School Board for nearly 20 years.

Thatcher also spent 26 years in the banking business in four Louisiana banks. His positions in banking included vice-president and cashier.

Instrumental in the organization of the Louisiana School Boards Association in 1938, Thatcher was elected secretary-treasurer at the organizational meeting.



Fred G. Thatcher



LARRAINE PERKINS of Oakdale and Luke Thomas of Natchitoches have been honored by Phi Epsilon Kappa as the Outstanding Students in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. PEK is a national honorary society for students in physical education.

Students Are Eligible To Apply For Off-Campus Work Program

High school seniors and university students are eligible to apply for the Summer Off-Campus Work Study Program at Northwestern State University.

Dr. Frank Martin, director of the Bureau of Financial Aid at Northwestern, said participants in the program may earn up to \$768 in the 12-week project. The students taking part in the program are paid \$1.60 an hour for 40-hour weeks.

According to Martin, students will be expected to save a high percentage of their earnings for attendance at Northwestern in the fall semester.

Martin also said that participants in the program, which is administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity, must qualify under federal guidelines for student financial aid.

Students interested in the program must submit financial aid applications and other work-study program applications to the Northwestern Bureau of Financial Aid.

Persons taking part in the work program will be employed at non-profit state or federal agencies for the 12-week summer period. Students will work a maximum of 40 hours a week and will be paid by the hour.

Martin said every effort will be made to place students as near as possible to their home and to find

the students employment closely related to their major field of study.

Applications and additional information on the Summer Work-Study Program may be obtained by writing Bureau of Financial Aid, Northwestern.

Health Program Grant Received

Northwestern has been awarded an Allied Health Profession Basic Improvement Grant of \$14,786 for support of programs of study preparing students as medical technologists and dietitians.

President Arnold R. Kilpatrick of Northwestern said the grant was awarded by the Division of Health Manpower Educational Services, Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The departments of biological sciences, chemistry, home economics and microbiology at Northwestern are all involved in a coordinated program of studies for the training of medical technologists and dietitians.

Grant funds will be utilized by the departments to buy equipment and supplies to improve the quality and content of courses offered to students majoring in medical technology and dietetics.

Delta Psi Kappa Chapter Formed

A chapter of Delta Psi Kappa, national professional health and physical education fraternity for women, has been chartered at Northwestern.

Twenty-one students and three faculty members have been initiated by the NSU chapter, and officers have been elected for the coming year.

Dr. Colleen Nelken of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty will serve as sponsor of the new organization. She said members are selected for academic achievement and commitment to the field of physical education and recreation.

Faculty members initiated into the society were Dr. Nelken, Luella Lewis and Joyce Towns.

Students who have become members of the Delta Psi Kappa chapter are Jackie Babineaux, Crowley; Carolyn Boydstan, Ferriday; Linda Burkhalter, Clayton; Elizabeth Crane, Monterey; Elaine Graham, Creston; Martha Hawthorne, Monroe; Kathy Lawn, West Monroe; Meryl Long, Lake Charles; Julia Loughran, Pat Ortigo, Bossier City; Marilyn Miller, Judy Shaw, Minden; Kathleen Mier, Alexandria; Jo Ann Mitchell, Gloria Redding, Joyce Thompson, Shreveport; Debbie Myers, Jena; Theresa Norris, New Orleans; Janet Parker, Port Allen; Carolyn Sharp, Jonesville, and Doris Hebert, DeRidder.

Serving as officers of the organization will be Miss Ortigo, president; Miss Shaw, vice-president; Miss Mitchell, secretary; Miss Crane, treasurer; Miss Burkhalter, chaplain; Miss Lon, historian; Miss Babineaux, sergeant-at-arms; Miss Sharp, publicity chairman, and Miss Miller, reporter.

Dr. Nelken said Delta Psi Kappa is similar to Northwestern's physical education fraternity for men, Phi Epsilon Kappa.



Dr. M. J. Cousins

Cousins Retires After 16 Years

Dr. Michael J. Cousins, who has been professor and head of the Department of Special Education at Northwestern since 1962, has announced his retirement effective June 30.

A native of New Orleans, Cousins joined the Northwestern faculty in 1955. Before coming to Northwestern, he held positions with the Department of Public Welfare in New Orleans, the Veterans Administration and the Louisiana Department of Hospitals.

Cousins received his bachelor's degree in sociology from Loyola University in New Orleans and a certificate in social work from the University of Notre Dame. He earned his master's degree from LSU and his doctorate from Florida State University.

The Northwestern department chairman holds the military rank of Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. A bombardier-navigator in the 8th Air Force in World War II, he continued an active role in the Reserve forces, including four years as a liaison officer to the Air Force Academy.

During Cousins' tenure as department head, the special education faculty has been increased from 12 to 30 members, and branch operations of Northwestern were established in Shreveport, Alexandria and Winnfield.

The department developed two new master's programs—an MA in speech pathology and an MA in rehabilitation counseling.

Cousins was also instrumental in securing the first fellowship grants in Louisiana awarded by the U. S. Office of Education. The \$100,000 NSU Speech and Hearing Center was built during his tenure in cooperation with the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The retiring professor holds membership in numerous honorary and professional organizations, including the National Association of Social Workers, Society for Research in Child Development, Louisiana Conference on Social Welfare and the Louisiana Teachers Association.



ALAN POSEY, a member of the Northwestern basketball team, has been presented the President's Award for service to Blue Key National Honor Society at the university. Posey is a senior mathematics major from Natchitoches.

LOOK WHO'S HERE

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. SOMMERVILLE (Goldaree Smith, BA '64) announce the birth of a daughter, Marva Muir, born Feb. 9, weighing 6 lbs. 10 ozs. They reside in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE H. CAMERON (George BS, '64, Barbara Dean BA, '64) announce the birth of a daughter, Kelley Ann, born December 16. She was welcomed by two older brothers, Dean, 5½ and Robert, 2. The Camerons reside in Sulphur, La., where George teaches mathematics at Sulphur High.

MR. AND MRS. DENIS M. HYAMS (Dennis BS '66, MS '68) announce the birth of their second child and first daughter, Denise Mthilde, born July 20, 1970, weighing 8 lbs. She joins a brother, Denis Jr. 2 years. Denis teaches math at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

MR. AND MRS. ARCHIE J. CHANDLER (Archie BA '70) announce the birth of a daughter, Marcie Dawn, born March 17, 1971 at St. Francis Cabrini in Alexandria, La. Archie is presently teaching Driver Education in Bunkie, La.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS C. WOLTZ (Thomas BS '70) announce the birth of a boy, Thomas C. Woltz, Jr. born April 6, 1971. Thomas, Jr. weighed in at 6 lbs., 9 ozs.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES COMER (Louise Irwin BS '67) announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Wesley, born March 23, 1971.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY R. JACKSON JR. (Richey BS '67) announce the arrival of a boy, Patrick "Tuffy" Richmond, born April 12, 1971. Richey is teaching at Bossier High School.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. TYNER (Anne Clark BS '63) announce the birth of their son, Adam Robert, born April 1. He



DAVID DOBBINS, assistant professor of geology at Northwestern State University, has been elected chairman of the university's faculty senate. Dr. C. R. Kinard is vice-chairman, and Dr. Dwayne Kruse is secretary.



MRS. J. EARL MATHESON (Virginia Selvidge, B.A., Northwestern, 1932) has been awarded the John H. Lovelady "Lifetime for Youth" Award. The award is presented by the Texas State Teacher Association to a Future Teachers of America sponsor who is retiring. Mrs. Matheson has sponsored the Denver City High chapter for 16 years.

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MR. AND MRS. SHERMAN MATTHEWS (Sandra Slack BA '69) (Sherman MS '69) are residing in Shreveport. Sandra is employed by Bossier Parish School Board and Sherman is attending LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport where he will be a junior this fall.

MR. AND MRS. W. M. BALDWIN (Jan Lynn Dabson BS '70) (Bill BS '70) are residing in Williamson, W. Va. Bill works for General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

GROVER C. ROBERTSON, BA '66, administrator of Wilshire Manor Nursing Home, Alexandria, La., was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of Alexandria Manor Inc. He and his wife, Theresa Kiska, 3A '67, reside outside Alexandria. Theresa teaches elementary education at Woodland Elementary School, Pineville, La.

MAJOR BILLIE R. COOK (BS '60) is presently residing in Frankfurt, Germany with his wife Mary Ellen and four sons, Billy Jr., Stephen, Christopher and Michael. Major Cook is presently assigned to the 106th Transportation Battalion as the Executive Officer where he has been serving for 23 months. Prior to assignment to

joins a sister, Laura, age 3. The Tyners are now residing in Atlanta, Georgia.

MR. AND MRS. CLYDE ALLEN, JR. (Sandra Taylor BS '64) announce the arrival of their first child, Clyde Allen III, born Sept. 5, 1970, weighing 9 lbs. 3½ ozs. Mr. Allen is sales representative in Southern Ark. for Xerox Corp.

Europe, Major Cook completed his second tour to Vietnam. He is the holder of two Bronze Stars, the Army Commendation Medal and Vietnamese Airborne Wings.

HARRY V. CORLEY, BS '51, is residing in Houston, Texas. During the year of 1970, he competed in his company's National "Start your Engines" sales contest and came in third place in the nation. He was awarded a Camero automobile as a prize.

HELEN L. SULLIVAN, BS '62, is presently in her last semester of law school at Tulane Law School. Miss Sullivan will graduate on May 29, 1971. She plans to take the bar exam this summer given in July and will shortly thereafter be admitted to the Louisiana Bar to practice law.

JOHN PATRICK "PAT" McMEEL, BA '66, has joined the company as associate editor of "Plain Talks". McMeel has five years of experience with newspaper and television. He has worked as a sports writer for the Shreveport Times, was East Texas News Editor for KTAL-TV in Shreveport, and sports writer for Monroe, La. Morning World. Mr. McMeel has received honors from the Associate Press, the United Press International and the Shreveport Press Club for his work.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS B. BOX (Thomas BS '66, Sallie Wilson, BS '65) are residing in Magnolia, Ark. where Tom has accepted a position as an accountant with McAlester Fuel Co. Sallie is currently staying home with their daughters; Sabrina age 4 and Melanie age 7 months.

Bienvenu Named To State Panel

Dr. Millard J. Bienvenu, head of the Northwestern Department of Sociology and Social Work, has been appointed to the State Department of Education Drug Advisory Council.

Announcement of Bienvenu's selection to the advisory panel was made by William J. Dodd, state superintendent of education.

Dodd said the 40-member Advisory Council will work with the State Department of Education in its efforts to implement a statewide drug education program.

The State Department of Education began drug education seminars this year with regional meetings in Monroe, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, New Orleans, Alexandria, Lake Charles and Hammond. Bienvenu served as one of the seminar speakers.

Bienvenu recently completed a survey of more than 15,000 Louisiana high school students on their attitudes toward illegal drug use, drug education and their exposure to drugs.

Findings of the survey were used in the State Department of Education seminars, and preliminary reports were published in the February issue of "Louisiana Schools" and the fall issue of "Louisiana Studies."

Bienvenu will also direct a four-week Summer Institute in Drug Abuse at Northwestern. Scheduled for June 7 through July 2, the institute is the first of its kind in Louisiana.

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Two New School Records Set By Track Team

GSC Dissolved As Tech, USL Join New Loop

By a vote of 10-1 at a special mid-May meeting, the State Board of Education agreed to allow Louisiana Tech and Southwestern Louisiana to withdraw from the Gulf States Conference, paving the way for both to join the Southland Conference and setting off a chain reaction that soon dissolved the GSC.

Immediately after the Board's action in regards to Tech and Southwestern, the other GSC members—Northwestern State, McNeese State Northeast Louisiana, Nicholls State and Southeastern Louisiana—also asked and received permission to withdraw from the league, leaving the directions of their athletic futures in doubt.

"It's a sad day for the GSC," said Northwestern athletic director Glenn Gossett. "Tech and Southwestern think they're going big-time by going in the Southland Conference.

"I don't know what the other schools can do, but we'd like to have some kind of league."

Soon after the meeting, it was announced that McNeese State would also seek to join the Southland Conference, a league that has major college status in all sports but football. Northeast said plans to seek major status in all sports without joining a league.

Gossett says Northwestern officials are studying several avenues to follow—major college independent, small college conference and NAIA independent.

Southeastern and Nicholls are definitely interested in continuing in a league. Tampa and Chattanooga are two current independents thinking along the lines of forming a mid-south conference.

The Gulf States Conference was formed in 1948. It was classified small college in all sports, but produced a very high caliber of athletic competition.

Second In League

Losing the championship match in No. 1 doubles, Northwestern State failed by a point in its bid to claim third place in the Gulf States Conference tennis meet this season.

Nevertheless, the Demons' fourth place finish represented their best league showing in five years and advanced them two notches above their 1970 CSC standing.

Northwestern posted its most wins in history in regular season, compiling a 9-5 won-lost record. Playing No. 3 singles, senior Jim Genovese won 14 of 19 matches to establish a new mark for most individual wins in a season.



Rodney Mize

Three No-Hitters By Schick Feature Showing In Baseball

Three no-hitters by Woody Schick, a 1.85 earned run average by Jimmy Stewart and the sensational play of rookie shortstop Bobby Hrapmann were the highlights of Northwestern State University's 1971 baseball season.

The Demons, suffering through 9-23 and 10-24 seasons the past two seasons while finishing last in the Gulf States Conference, improved to a 17-20 overall record this spring and ended in a three-way tie for fifth place in the seven team league.

Five regulars, outfielder Kenny Reed (.220), catcher Johnny Janese (.204), outfielder John Boogaerts (.202), first baseman James Gibson (.316), and Stewart have no more eligibility remaining.

Gibson suffered a concussion in the ninth game of the season which forced him to the sidelines for the remainder of the campaign.

Stewart, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound righthander, struck out 71 batters in 78 innings and had the best won-lost record (7-5) on NSU's staff. He completed 10 of the 11 games he started and was named to the coaches all-GSC team.

Schick, a Shreveport-Fair Park product, hurled no-hitters in his first two games of the season against Stephen F. Austin and Southeastern Louisiana. He later pitched another gem against SFA. In all, Schick labored a workhorse

105 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings this season, a school record.

The 6-foot, 200-pounder also set school records this spring for most games started (14) and most games completed (13).

Hrapmann, a switch-hitting lead-off man, topped the Demons in six individual categories. He set a school record for most at bats with 127, snapping the old standard of 121 set by Coach Smith in 1962.

The 5-foot-9 New Orleans native led the club in most hits (41), which is just one less than the NSU record held by Ralph Conrad (1959). Hrapmann also was best among his teammates in runs scored (18), total bases (49), stolen bases (6), and batting average (.323).

Sophomore third baseman Mike Timms, who drove in a team leading 18 runs, Janese, and Boogaerts led NSU with three home runs apiece. Boogaerts blasted 10 round-trippers a year ago.

Freshman outfielder Charles Jackson, who appeared in just 28 games, drew 18 walks and freshman outfielder Tommy Henry rapped five doubles to pace the Demons in those departments.

Junior second baseman Randy Johnson, troubled by a mid-season arm injury, batted .250 and freshman outfielder Mike Leazer hit .292 to bolster an otherwise weak hitting line (.220) this season.

A 200 per cent scoring improvement in the Gulf States Conference meet and two school records.

These were the highlights of Northwestern State University's 1971 building track team, which scored 24 points in the GSC meet and earlier in the season established new standards in the triple jump and 440-yard intermediate hurdlers.

Farrell Soileau leaped 49-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the triple jump to beat the previous NSU record of 48-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ set by Monte Ledbetter in 1964, while Blaine Vedros timed 53.6 in the hurdles to better the former 54.8 mark set by Larry Kees in 1969.

The point output in the GSC meet didn't allow the Demons to escape their fifth consecutive sixth place league finish, but did represent a rise of 16 points over their 1970 league output.

Northwestern appeared on the way to advancing at least one notch in the GSC meet, but dropped the baton on the third leg of the mile relay, battling Southwestern Louisiana for the lead in the race. The Demons failed to score in the event.

"Eddie Carroll (48.8) and Steve Jones (47.4) gave us a chance in this event to move up in the GSC," said Coach Glenn Gossett, "but our inexperience cost us.

"However, we made some definite progress this year toward turning our program around and getting started in a positive direction."

This spring's Northwestern team featured only four seniors—Ronnie Haworth, Tommy Wilson, Ramon Triche and Danny Strange.

Haworth set the pace in scoring over the entire season by totaling 78 points. He placed third in the 880-yard run in the GSC meet, timing 1:52.4.

Wilson leaped 6-6 in the high jump in the GSC to win the event. Triche placed third in the javelin with a throw of 220-10.

Next year's NSU team will be built around Soileau, Vedros, Carroll and Jones, and three returning individuals who scored in the GSC meet—Rodney Mize (4th in the triple jump and 3rd in the long jump), Richard Lewis (3rd in the pole vault) and Wayne Kofnovec (5th in the shot put.) Carroll placed 5th in the long jump in the GSC meet, and ran on a fifth place 440-yard relay team, along with Cliff Vandiver, Donald Johnson and Jones.

"Although we lose some youngsters we'd like to have back," said Gossett, "we have the nucleus returning to build a better team next season."

LAWRENCE NUGENT (BS '66) and JEANETTE NOLAND from Monroe, La. were married February 22, 1971. They are presently residing in Monroe.

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